

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1399

By Naifeh

A RESOLUTION to congratulate and honor Amanda M. Durham upon the occasion of her graduation from the University of South Carolina.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to pay tribute to those students who, through their natural talents and unflagging commitment to academic excellence, have distinguished themselves in the classroom; and

WHEREAS, Amanda M. Durham is one such exceptional student who recently graduated from the University of South Carolina (USC) at Columbia; and

WHEREAS, through diligent study, steady composure during examinations, and steadfast commitment of time and talent, Amanda Durham has achieved outstanding academic success and has joined the ranks of the best and brightest students in our country; and

WHEREAS, during her remarkable college career, Amanda Durham earned an exemplary grade point average of 3.5 while earning a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration from the Moore School of Business at USC; and

WHEREAS, Amanda's major was in Marketing and Management with a focus on Entrepreneurship, and she minored in Spanish Language and Culture; and

WHEREAS, an integral member of the global community and a valuable resource, this exceptional young lady participated in the Institute for the International Education of Students and spent a semester studying Spanish language and culture in Barcelona, Spain; and

WHEREAS, no stranger to honors and accolades, Amanda was a Capstone Scholar and McKissick Scholar, as well as a fixture on the Dean's List, at USC; and

WHEREAS, in pursuit of her degree, she accrued a veritable wealth of real life experience: as part of her Advanced Issues in Entrepreneurship class Amanda was involved in marketing strategy, as well as web site design, for TalentScout101.com, a start-up social

networking site, and for her Marketing Communication and Strategy class, she drafted a marketing proposal to help build the client base of the Columbia Academy of Cosmetology; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Durham has also participated in several internships that will surely serve her well as she begins a promising professional career; she was a business development intern in the summer of 2008 and a fiscal/budget intern in the summer of 2009 for the Tennessee Department of Economic Development and was a legal intern at the Tennessee Attorney General's Office in Nashville during the summers of 2006 and 2007; and

WHEREAS, in addition to her involvement in many extracurricular activities and her dedication to her studies, Amanda Durham has evidenced a keen sense of social responsibility at an early age; she presently volunteers with the Legal Aid Society of Middle Tennessee and the Cumberland; at the University of South Carolina, she was actively involved with Service Saturdays, Capstone Conversations, Study Abroad, Carolina Productions, and Alpha Lambda Delta; and

WHEREAS, Amanda Durham's display of intellectual aptitude and ambition surely bodes well for her future success as she pursues a career in business and economic development; and

WHEREAS, Amanda's noteworthy achievements are a tremendous source of pride for her family, her school, and her community; and

WHEREAS, Amanda Durham's dedication to excellence is clearly deserving of the respect, admiration, and commendation of this legislative body; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby congratulate and honor Amanda M. Durham upon the occasion of her graduation from the University of South Carolina, commend her many achievements and her commitment to public service, and extend to her our best wishes for every happiness in a future that we are confident will be filled with much success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.